

MINERVA, KY. JAN. 22, 1861.

Since my last communication, various events have transpired, tending to give shape and direction to public opinion upon the secession question; and especially to determine the action the Kentucky shall take in the great pending crisis. State Conventions of the Douglas democracy and abolition of the Union party, have been held, both at Louisville, on the memorable "9th of January." As the spirit that actuated the members of each body was a "mildred" one, the conventions adjourned, and two became one, in form and action. This was a good move, and resulted in the great excitement. The ablest and most distinguished men of the State took active part in the proceedings, and many a speech was made that for depth of thought, searching analysis into the nature of our government, and eloquence of delivery, would do credit to any man of any oration. Among such men as Garrett Davis, Archer Dixon, Joshua F. Bell, Leslie Combs, &c., enter with heat and soul into a concert of action upon a subject of such moment as the theme now before the country, you may rest assured that it was not a child's play, but the noble action of men, matured by many a conflict in life's great battle, and fully sensible of the weighty responsibility devolved upon them by the exigency of the times.

The speeches and resolutions were enlivened by patriotic and high toned, manifesting a chivalric devotion to Kentucky interests, as well as an ardent attachment to the Union. The former could best be maintained under the Flag of our country, whether argument or arms were to be the *denier resort* employed. It was believed that the North does not seek to drive off the South by aggressive acts, but is willing to meet the slave states upon a proper basis of adjustment. This expectation shall be actually realized before the arguments of the secessionists shall operate too much upon the Southern mind, our country may yet be preserved from the untold miseries of dissolution, and its progress in wealth, honor and greatness may be still continued on, in the same ratio as in the years that are past.

Secondly, the working men of Mason County, as well as of other places, have had meetings and passed resolves to stand by the Union; but whether they would do so by putting down secession *et armis* is a matter upon which the have failed to speak out. In my intercourse with the people of the State, I find many that are openly in favor of employing force to preserve the Union, while some take the opposite side. Upon the question, and think the South Carolina law done, a noble deed for the free state, and if the South will it would be her duty for Kentucky to cut loose from the "cursed abolition Yankees," in accordance with her example. These latter, I notice, are generally men who have not a "mizger" at all, and cannot personally, and consequently nothing to lose in a pecuniary sense, in the event of conflict of arms, or the annihilation of the present fugitive slave law by dissolution. Whether their motive is favorable or unfavorable to the institution of slavery, one thing is certain, the policy they profess, if carried out, would result in the death of the "institution" in the border states. The great body of the people here are for the Government's protecting the U. S. property, collecting the revenue, and attending to its own business, just as though South Carolina & Co. had not jumped out of the frying pan in the fire.

Buchanan, it seems, has *at last* been worked up to this stand-point, by force of public opinion and with a Cabinet purged of disunionists, to give him counsel, he may do his duty hereafter as his oath and honor, if not his patriotism would dictate. He is certainly a weak and wavering old man, especially afraid of the small stake of expounder, although he promises to defend the Capital against all outsiders—on the 4th of March. From the tenor of his last Message, he seems to intimate to the secessionists that they will only hold off from Washington until the expiration of his term, after the 4th day of Spring they may turn up Jack, pull Nick, and swallow alive the whole city and contents, including "old Abe" himself, if they condescend so much abolitionism as his body contain.

By the way, there are various rumors afloat to the manner in which Lincoln is to be kept out of office by peaceable means, such as the neglect to count the electoral vote in Congress in a Constitutional manner; or by the resignation of Chief Justice whose duty it is to administer the inaugural oath, and the appointment of no successor.

Nobody believes that a raid will be made upon Washington with a view to prevent the inauguration, or that if so fool-hardy a step should be taken, the men of the North are so craven hearted as not to meet it with the same measure of violence it would invite and deserve.

Our Legislature convened on the 17th inst., nothing of importance has as yet been done. Vice President Breckinridge, who seems to regard himself as tutor and guardian for the State of Kentucky, has just written a letter to its Legislature and the people, through G. W. Magoffin, which shows the plain-fact of secession, and urges the State to clasp its fist in readiness to man the Palmetto or some other *fougere*. Flashed the defiant command of Tombs, Venable & Co. He says that all hope of pacification or patching up the Constitution is gone, by refusal of the Republican leaders at Washington to concede anything for the sake of union; it is the policy of the incoming Administration to maintain the Union by force, and *ergo*, (patristic conclusion) it is the duty of Kentucky to her horse in order, and be ready to depart here and land "away down Souf," in "Dixie's land" or in the Cotton Swamps of South Carolina. What inducement this letter may have to the Union sentiment that has been on the increase for the past two weeks, it is impossible to fathom. It will be likely to lead to a division in the Legislature, and also among the people of the State. Breckinridge's supporters at the late election, and some others, will probably endorse position, while his advice will be regarded by major part of the people as that of a madman seeking, in the frenzy of the hour, by a suicide hand, his own and his country's destruction, and hope and pray he may live to see and feel suffer and sink under the "terrible mist" which he intimates he may have made, and which certainly *has* made, in the spirit and temper of his letter.

The late papers here bring startling reports of the stoppage, at Natchez, of down-river boats, and ascertain the nature of their shipments; and of the seizure, at New Orleans, of a large quantity of gunpowder shipped from the East, to that city, for St. Louis. The seceders, they increase in numbers, have a wonderful argument of pluck, and may conclude to come back in a *passe composites*, and drive all Vermonter wake-aways into Canada or the Atlantic, to take forcible possession of our Temple of Liberty, for their own use and benefit. If there is any money left in the Treasury, the temple will surely resistable — as I say, I rather think North will win the war. Uncle Sam's dead and make up for the stealing of the democratic.

A little incident that lately occurred at Dover in this County, may serve to show the reputation which Lincoln men are held south of Mason Dixon's Line. A fellow by the name of J. M. Anderson, who married into a family at Dover had the hardihood to vote for Lincoln at the election—the only vote he got in this part of the County. The boys of Dover, whether in li (and out of their senses) or not, I cannot tell, put into their heads, that (as it was said), "they intended that we said Anderson was elected."

citizen of Kentucky, and connected a plan of
cutting his Republicanism by giving him
duking in the Ohio River. A crowd collected at
the time agreed upon, and proceeded to the resi-
dence of Anderson-on; but he having smelt the rat,
was wisely absent from home, and thus foiled the
fun of the boys. The next morning, in order to
stay further proceedings, he sent them an apology
for his vote, stating that he had formerly lived
as a tenant on a farm of Abe Lincoln's Illinois;
and that he was so good to him and attentive
when sick, visiting him in person and ministering
to his necessities, that he could'nt help voting
for him. This, it seems, mollified the feelings of
the mob, and he was left at liberty to walk the
streets of the town unmolested, and vote for Lin-
coln whenever he pleased. So much for having
an apology for one's vote.

The appointment of Col. Holt to the Secretary-
ship of War, gives great satisfaction to all parties
in his native State. He is a man of energy and
ability, and will do the country valuable service
in this time of pressing need. The action of
Major Anderson is also warmly commended by
his fellow Kentuckians, as being the part of a
prudent and patriotic officer. He, by the way,
has a number of relatives in this immediate vicini-
ty, one of whom was conspicuous a year or
two ago in the Oberlin rescue case.

But I have spun out my letter to an unreason-
able length, and ask your reader's pardon.

M. D.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE AMALGAMATION OF LANGUAGES.—There is a growing tendency in this age to appropriate the most expressive words of other languages, and after a while to incorporate them into our own; thus the word *Cephalic*, which is from the Greek, signifying for the head," is now becoming popularized in connection with Mr. Spalding's Great Headache Remedy, but it will soon be used in a more general way, and the word *Cephalic* will become as common as *Electrotype* and many others whose distinction as foreign words has been worn away by common usage until they seem "native and to the manor born."

'Arduely Realized.

If 'ad 'n'orrible 'eadache this afternoon, and he stepped into the hypothecaries hand says it to the man, "Can you hearse me of an 'eadache?" "Does it hache 'ard?" says 'e. "Heceedingly," says hi, hand upon that 'e cured me a Cephalic Pill, hand 'pon me 'eadache. 'e cured me so quick that hi 'ardly realized I and hand 'eadache.

Headache is the favorite sign by which Nature makes known any deviation whatever from the natural state of the brain, and viewed in this light it may be looked on as a safeguard intended to give notice of disease which might otherwise escape attention, till too late to be remedied; and its indications should never be neglected. Headaches may be classified under two names, viz: Symptomatic and Idiopathic. Symptomatic headache is exceedingly common and is the precursor of a great variety of diseases, among which are Apoplexy, Gout, Rheumatism, and all febrile diseases. In its nervous form it is sympathetic of disease of the stomach, constituting *sick headache*, of hepatic disease constituting *bilious headache*, of worms, constipation and other disorders of the bowels, as well as renal and uterine affections. Diseases of the heart are very frequently attended with headaches; Anemia and plethora are also affections which frequently occasion headache. Idiopathic headache is also very common, being usually distinguished by the name of *nervous headache*, sometimes coming on suddenly in a state of apparently sound health and prostrating at once the mental and physical energies, and in other instances it comes on slowly, heralded by depression of spirits, or acerbity of temper. In most instances the pain is in the front of the head, over one or both eyes, and sometimes provoking vomiting; under this class may also be named *Nervalgia*.

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